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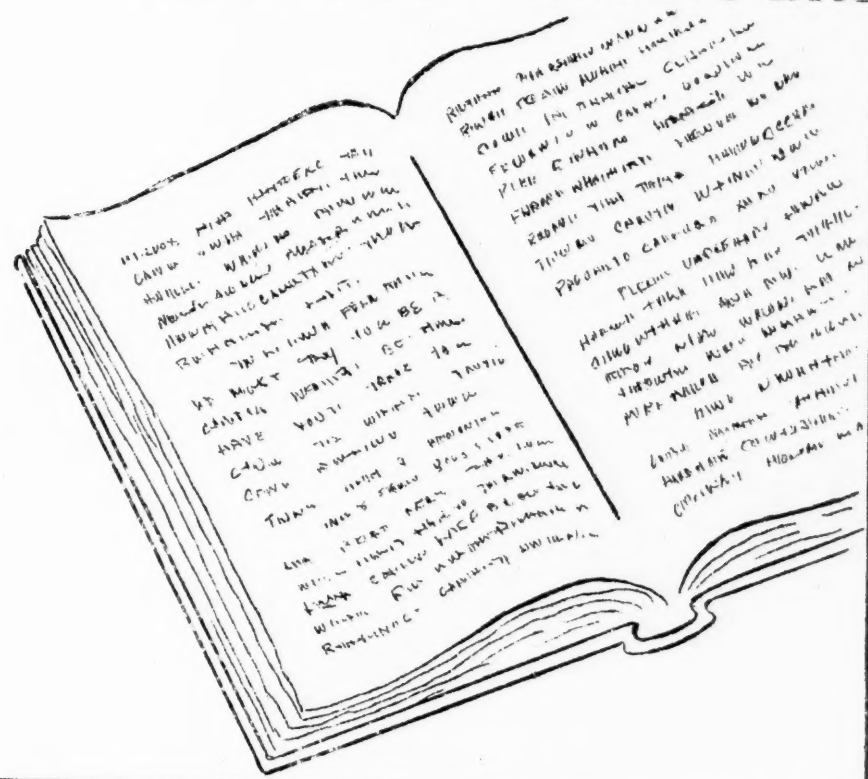
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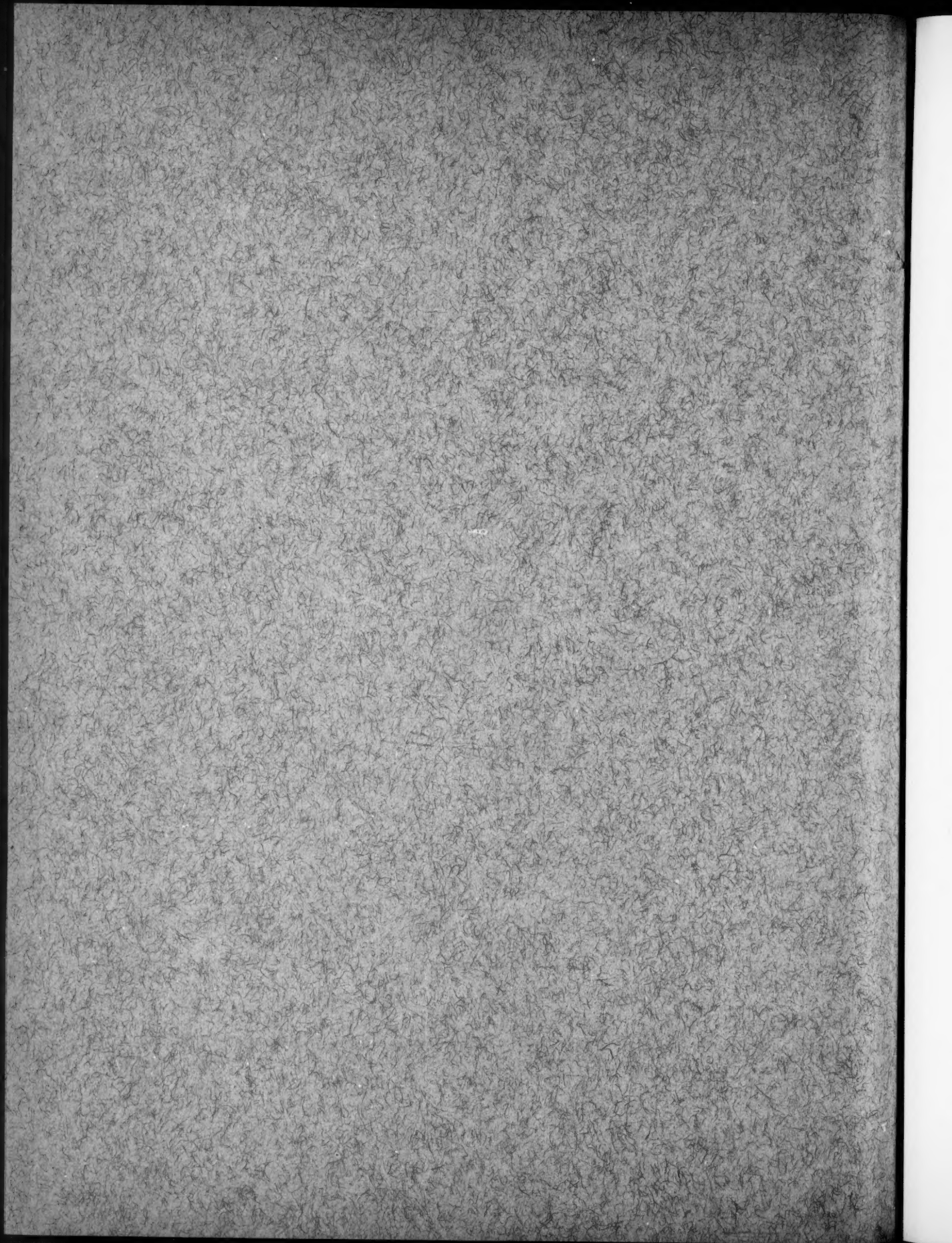
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PRESIDENT'S FOREWORD



It seems to me that libraries all over the State are busier than they have ever been before. This is very gratifying and due, in large part, to the increased publicity librarians have been giving their services. National Library Week is a wonderful opportunity for us to let people know how much the library can mean in their daily lives.

The State chairman, Mr. T. E. Jermin, and the State executive chairman, Mrs. Frances Dufraine, have written to all of you. I want to call your attention to their suggestion that one of the projects they would like to see completed on a State wide basis is the erection of signs pointing to the library. If this project is completed by all libraries in the State, think what a tremendous accomplishment it will be. If there is any reason why your signs are not ready to go up during National Library Week, please make sure that you accomplish the project as soon as you can.

The plans for the meeting of the Montana State Library Association are developing. Elsewhere in this issue is printed the program for this year's sessions. The program has been planned with the idea of its being helpful to public and school librarians, friends and

trustees. If you are a public librarian, come yourself and bring your trustees. If you are a school librarian, come yourself and bring your administrator. We're looking forward to seeing all of you in Great Falls, May 6, 7 and 8.

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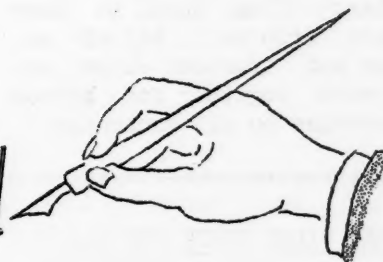
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Editorial



In this issue we publish the tentative program of the 47th Annual Meeting of the Montana State Library Association. As we look it over we cannot help but be impressed by the progress the Association has made in the last five or six years. Ten years ago the school librarian was a lonely soul at our meetings; now we have a full-fledged school librarians' division. In fact, we think it is so firmly established that we can turn to other areas. And so this year, we are concentrating on the organization and enlightenment of trustees. They are such an important group that we wonder why we have neglected them so long; actually of course we have to do one thing at a time, and since the occasion seemed to be ripe for the organization of school librarians a couple of years ago, we had to seize that opportunity.

Now we have a nucleus of outstanding trustees in Montana, and it will not be surprising if the active librarians are hard put to it to keep up with these lively and imaginative and interesting persons. They are eager to learn and to help, and one thing they can do is to spread the word that the local library board is not a sinecure, nor a desirable reward for elderly, retired persons who are too weary to face and help to solve problems.

Youth, dynamism, understanding, willingness to learn about the library's place in society and to cooperate with the librarian in achieving that place - these are the necessary attributes of the model library trustee.

The relationship between librarian and trustee should be close and friendly, yet businesslike. Each has an essential role to play and each should understand the work of the other. A qualified library trustee has a genuine interest in the library and in improving its services; an interest in the community and its betterment; the ability to work with others. He has business ability and willingness to give the time necessary to perform the duties required of this position. The librarian recommends needed policies to the board, and carries out the policy as approved by the trustees, in the process administering the library, including supervision of personnel, selection of books and other library materials, and maintenance of active public relations program.

As we look at the progress toward better library service in Montana, we know that we have many well qualified trustees in the State. Growth has been possible because of the dynamic role they have played. So let us welcome our trustees

~~to the Great Falls~~ Conference and let us learn from them, as they will learn from us. All of us, librarians and trustees alike, are ready to work together for better library service to all Montanans.

MONTANA: PILOT STATE FOR ALA

School Library Standards

Mrs. Johnson's announcement of Montana's choice as one of the six pilot states for implementation of the ALA School Library Standards came just too late to be included in the last Quarterly. The choice of Montana is good news, and is in line with other notice that Montana has been receiving in the last few years. The February issue of the ALA Bulletin is devoted to the new standards, and should be widely read.

Mrs. Johnson has issued the following suggestions in connection with this study:

1. Order two copies of the new standards from the ALA Publishing Department, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, 2.50. Keep one for your own information and mark the second for the information of your principal and or superintendent, preferably both. Discussion guides are available also, .65. Combined price for a copy of the standards and the discussion guide, 3.00.

2. Measure your own library against your state standards. If your library is deficient, set up tables of information showing status, standards, and deficiencies, in columns, on such factors as space, seating capacity, staff, book stock.

3. If your library is above

present standards (O, happy day!) set up such a table anyway. Study your service to check whether you are reaching the objectives of your school for every child and state deficiencies in these respects. Identify areas where your service should be improved.

4. Talk to your principal and to your superintendent about the forthcoming standards. Read the materials in the INSTRUCTOR (November 1959), the BULLETIN OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPALS (November 1959), and in SCHOOL LIBRARIES (October 1959).

5. Begin to work out plans with your principal and superintendent for ways to inform your faculty, the school board, and the PTA or citizens groups about the standards. There will be a promotional leaflet and a discussion guide to help you carry out these plans. A date in March or April should be just about right.

6. Ask for permission to present a report on your school library and its need to the school board, as their own celebration of National Library Week.

7. Go to see the director of your local public or county library. Propose that together you develop plans for achieving better service for both public and school libraries in your district---another way to celebrate National Library Week!

8. Inform your State Pilot Representative about your success--even your failures. She is Eilene Morrison, Asst. Professor Library Science, Montana State College at Bozeman.

SCHOOL LIBRARY STANDARDS

"The new standards will have great significance for the entire library profession, and deserve the active support and cooperation of public, college and university libraries, and library schools, all of which have a vital stake in the products of public schools. The primary responsibility for implementing the standards rests with school libraries, but it is an obligation that must be shared by the entire library profession."

Benjamin Powell
President, A. L. A.

In a recent release from ALA, Eleanor Ahlers points out that the Standards for School Library Programs, the first since 1945, are higher than regional or state ones, and may well require several years to attain. Years of study, research, surveys and suggestions have gone into them, and this implies the time of many organizations and individuals. Grants from ALA and the Carnegie Corporation of New York financed the project, and the committee from the AASL that spearheaded it was co-chaired by Frances Henne of the School of Library Service at Columbia, and Ruth Ersted, supervisor of school libraries for the Minnesota State Dept. of Education.

The Standards emphasize that the library program and the library are the instructional materials center of the school. "The true concept of a school library program means instruction, service, and activity throughout the school

library rather than merely within the four walls of the library quarters."

Important chapters for us in Montana are "Materials, Funds, and Staff Needed for School Library Programs," "The Library in the New School," "Library Resources and Services in Schools having fewer than 200 Students." There are also chapters on school boards, administrators, and libraries; school library supervisors, and the school library staff. The publication has an index and a selected bibliography, and there is also something that should be especially helpful in this area where administrative knowledge of library quarters and needs is abysmally low, i.e. an appendix containing policies and specifications for library quarters and equipment.

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BOOKS I'VE ENJOYED

Sarah Vinke*

Herewith I declare my abiding love and loyalty to Winnie the Pooh and the House at Pooh Corner. Whimsy and philosophy mingle in the little stuffed animals who people these pages. The "stubborn contrariety" of human individuals is delightfully convincing. Piglet, terrified by the gale roaring among the tree tops in the 100 Aker Wood appeals to Pooh: "Supposing a tree fell down, Pooh, when we were underneath it?" "Supposing it didn't, Piglet," said Pooh. Or: "Rabbit's clever?" said Pooh thoughtfully. "Yes," said Piglet, Rabbit has brain." There was a long silence. "I suppose," said Pooh, "that that's why he never understands anything." Kanga, the devoted mother of Baby Roo, Eeyore, the donkey, whose entire energy is devoted to feeling sorry for himself, and the dull, pompous Owl, who overawes the other animals because he can write his own name, WOL, have recognizable qualities of their human prototypes. These books never pall.

Isak Dinesen has woven an enchanting web of mystery, psychology, urbanity in her Seven Gothic Tales. It has a highly civilized --- perhaps even decadent -- atmosphere, where the ghosts of past romantic writing (Gothic Tales are tall tales with the aura of tradition) are a burthen of which the reader is always subtly aware. These exquisite, gossamer tales could have no appeal for the practical

mind. The mood of reverie which pervades them is luminous with mellow worldly-wisdom. "The clouds parted, and a few of the constellations stood clear in the sky. The Great Bear preached its lesson. 'Keep your individuality in the crowd.'" "Chivalrousness, I think, means this: to love, or cherish, the pride of your partner, or adversary, as highly or higher than your own." A vein of humor adds to the charm of these stories: "Your side hurts you now where your rib was once taken out." The old captain of the sailing vessel contemptuously likens the modern steamer to a self-supporting woman. The riches of the mind are offered with a grain of salt.

On the serious side, there is Creative Society; John MacMurray herein furnishes a compass for use amid the philosophical and religious confusions of our day. Written soon after Communism became a force in the world, the avowed purpose of Creative Society is to point out the fundamental difference between Christianity and Communism. But the author finds it necessary to define what Christianity means. In showing that all religion is the expression of community; that Christianity, by its assertion that there is only one God, affirms that all mankind belong to one community; that a community by releasing its members from fear and replacing fear with love, unfolds human potentialities, MacMurray defines Christianity. He then contrasts the all-embracing love of the Christian ethic (however its followers may fall short of the goal,) with the purely material concept of Communism. His homely application of Christian principles I find wonderfully wholesome after the plethora of foggy analyses of world situations.

On the train, a year ago, I chanced upon a former student who held out

the copy of Quiet, Yelled Mrs. Rabbitt which she was reading, saying "You ought to be reading this." She was quite right. The sheer fun of being the mother of five demanding, persistent, energetic young individuals bubbles up in every line, despite the obstacle race which is her daily life. All the solemn instructions on family life fall before the vigor of this "so story". Spirits like Hilda Espy's can solve our problems of juvenile delinquency.

Currently (and climactically) there is the literary banquet of Fitzroy Maclean. No detective story could afford more excitement and suspense than the dramatic accounts of real experience in Disputed Barricade, Eastern Approaches and A Person from England. One of the trusted representatives of Churchill in World War II, he gives some of his turbulent adventures in the African desert behind Rommel's lines, in central Persia on a mission to kidnap General Zahidi, in Jugoslavia where he parachuted into Partisan headquarters. Physical and mental courage, the zest for adventure, sensitive human understanding, urbanity, the quiet humor of understatement -- all are here combined in books of rare literary grace. That anyone who had helped to make recent history should have the breadth of vision and the detachment manifest in Disputed Barricade, an interpretation of the life and times of Tito, and in Eastern Approaches, which embraces much of World War II, is a tribute to the sound health and self-confidence of the old Anglo-Saxon blood which relishes insecurity.

*Dr. Sarah Vinke is professor of English at Montana State College. Her special field is Shakespeare, but as this essay shows, she has a catholic taste, and a questing mind that is a delight to encounter.

ALA MEMBERSHIP

For the first time in its history the American Library Association is conducting an organized membership campaign. We in Montana have greatly benefited from our national organization. We have only to think of the contributions made by Janice Kee, Gretchen Schenk, Eleanor Ahlers, David Clift and Eleanor Ferguson to realize the help ALA can give us. Without the organized pressure of ALA we should not have the Library Services Act which has done so much for Montana and will do much more. Thus ALA was indirectly responsible also for the helpful visits of Helen Luce and Mary Helen Mahar. Because of ALA we received the Grolier-American Scholarship last year which helped some eight persons to get school library training. Because of ALA we are a pilot state for the implementation of school library standards, which is tantamount to saying that our school libraries are going to be greatly improved. In some way, we have all benefited from ALA. Let's show our appreciation and give our support by at least doubling Montana's membership this year. Dues are as follows: Salary \$2999 or less - \$6; \$3000-3499 - \$7; \$3500-3999 - \$8; \$4000-4999 - \$9; \$4500-4999 - \$10; \$5000-5499 - \$12; \$5500-5999 - \$14; \$6000-6499 - \$16; \$6500-6999 - \$18; \$7000 and over \$20. For information and forms write to Mrs. Peggy Gadbow, State Library Extension Commission, South and Middlesex, Missoula.

Whitefish Library Does It Again!

It has been announced from New York that the Whitefish Public Library has received a supplementary award of \$1000 from the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Library Awards. This is intended for the purchase of books and eligibility is confined to small public libraries. Presentation will be made April 3 as a start for National Library Week in Montana. Congratulations to Mable Engelter and her Board!

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Mable Engelter

(Editor's Note: When news of the award came through, we asked Mrs. Engelter to write us a short article on how she happened to ask for it and how she planned to spend the money. Here it is!)

We are very happy to be one of the winners of the Dorothy Canfield Fisher memorial awards offered by the Book-of-the-Month Club. This was a wonderful surprise and will help so much to supplement the book collection of our library.

The State Library Extension Commission is doing a fine job in so many ways and keeping us informed regarding possible golden opportunities and this is one of them. I'm sure all Montana libraries received the Dorothy Canfield Fisher award application announcements from SLEC. and I hope all our librarians asked for the applications. Though Whitefish was a lucky winner this year, perhaps some other Montana library can be a winner next year. My advice is -- "take advantage of all these opportunities when they come along."

I was prompted to make application for the award because -- WE NEEDED BOOKS. Some of the particular reasons why I thought our library might qualify are as follows:

1. We are serving a population of about 3250 in the city limits and about 2000 more in the surrounding rural area or a total of about 5250. Our total income for last year was \$5087.15. The book

circulation for the fiscal period (July 1, 1957-58) was 17,629. The circulation for July 1, 1958-59 was 29,648. In view of this tremendous increase for a town which has already reached the legal maximum library tax levy, it may be necessary that we transfer funds from our book budget to service expense. (Note: volunteer help is used where possible). We also are involved in a book weeding program which has and will cut more from the total book collection.

2. There are over 100 clubs and organizations in this small community and this library stresses strong public relations. We work with the various groups by helping with their programs. Our library, with the cooperation of the Whitefish Library Association, sponsors regular programs that are of community interest, such as film programs, book reviews, exhibits and lectures and etc. Very soon now, we will have a photo exhibit portraying the early day history of Whitefish. Just collecting the materials has created great enthusiasm and community interest.

By using the award money for good standard non-fiction material, we not only make our library a stronger link in the Northwest Montana Federation of Libraries also -- (Kalispell Carnegie, Flathead County, Lincoln County and Whitefish Libraries). We especially need more reference materials and have a great need for good books in our young people's department. Right now, the shelves of our primary section are nearly empty. Our own budget will support the popular demands and the award money will be used entirely for books that our library needs and we cannot afford. It is hoped this arrangement will do the most for the entire area.

We are grateful to all who participated in this program and we are very grateful to the Book-of-the-Month Club for their clarity of vision and stimulating promotion of awards that will benefit so many by this loving tribute to the memory of the late Dorothy Canfield Fisher, friend of libraries.

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National Library Week

A New York school administrator, Dr. George Collins, suggests that school libraries arrange to present their program of services to the School Board during the National Library Week. Dr. Collins says, "Don't just tell them how many books you have or how many times they circulate. Give them a sense of what a good school library program is--how to work with individual teachers and students to help make teaching and learning more interesting in all subject fields. Give examples from your experience to show what happens when a student gets together with a book that is just what he needs. Make it real and vivid to them." And remind them that the resources and stimulation of a good school library and a good school library staff are vital to a modern, individualized educational program.

"The purpose of National Library Week, a citizens' movement, is to encourage lifetime reading habits and the use and support of libraries of all kinds by everyone. The goal is "a better-read, better-informed America." The Week is not an end in itself. It is only a focal point of a long-range, year-around effort through continuing activities of many groups in 5,000 communities," states William I. Nichols, editor of This Week Magazine.

"It seems to me that this total effort is important because it represents in its largest context the critical question of how the individual will develop in a free

society. Education, social science and mass communications are all involved in this struggle.

"In our modern, mobile world, many of the old disciplines are slipping away. For the first time in history, most people really do have a very large measure of free will. But this is not an unmixed blessing. With all the chains broken, many people are now experiencing loneliness, insecurity and fear.

"At this point we can observe two trends in American life. One is to exploit this loneliness in negative ways, offering various--and often harmful--forms of anodyne and blind escape, and producing many of the criminal, delinquent and neurotic aspects of our present society.

"The other way is to encourage the development of those inner resources of mind and character which contribute to the healthy growth of the free individual and the free society.

"The struggle between these two trends concerns us all. And it is this which, in my opinion, gives National Library Week its interest, its importance and its inspiration. Our objectives go far beyond any project for the making, or selling, or lending of books. In effect, what we offer is an expanding opportunity for the nation's libraries to unite with all other interested elements of the community to stress those enduring values of goodness, beauty, wisdom and understanding which are so essential to the survival and growth of a free civilization. No one could ask a greater privilege than to share in a program like this."

Each school librarian is in a key position to observe NLW by enlisting his students' help (planning, executing, and evaluating), emphasizing what a good

program does for the school, and pointing up needs of his particular school. Be sure your students report your activities in the contest at the spring Montana Student Librarians meeting, April 29, and 30 at Bozeman.

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Hazel Christiansen*

Rocky Mountain College dedicated its beautiful new library with impressive ceremonies on October 25, 1959. The dedicatory address was given by Dr. Ralph W. Decker of Nashville, Tennessee, Director of Secondary and Higher Education for the Methodist Church.

The "Big Move" to the new library was on November 10th, which is known on the campus as "Library Book Brigade Day". This gave the faculty as well as the students the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with the contents of the library. The wealth of materials and books that were uncovered while moving was most fascinating and surprising and provided a most enlightening experience to all who assisted in this project.

The library will now attain its rightful place as the cultural and educational center on the campus. Many student and faculty meetings are already being held in this splendid, versatile building.

Space will no longer be a problem, for the new library will be able to house nearly 100,000 volumes. The attractive reading room will take care of nearly 100 students at one time. Just off of the reading and stack rooms is the beautiful work room with large picture windows on the south. The receiving room with adequate shelf and drawer space for library supplies is conveniently located between the work room and the loading dock on the east.

What a joy to Dr. Kuhns and me to have separate, attractive offices, while in the old library there were no private corners, even, in which to work.

The soft, attractive colors in the various rooms with light asphalt tile floors, the many large picture windows in all the rooms, the spaciousness of the entire building make it an inspiration and a challenge to those who work in it. The lighting system in the building is the very latest and very effective.

The special features in the new library are the audio-visual room, a class room, students lounge and the periodical room all located on the main floor. In the basement are more stack space for books, periodical storage space, rare book room, rest rooms and a map room.

Also located in the basement is a church conference room and the charming little Bunch Memorial meditation Chapel, beautifully furnished, where faculty and students may go to find quiet, peaceful moments to converse with their God.

There is already a marked increase in the use of the library by both the faculty and students. The use of it will continue to grow as the contents are made more available.

A welcome is extended to all librarians in the state when in Billings, to visit us. The staff will be most proud to show it to anyone who may be interested.

(Details of Building: 124 ft. x 75 ft.; 9300 sq. feet on each of two floors; fluorescent lighting, except incandescent lights in basement stacks. Cost of building \$275,000; estimated cost of furniture and equipment: \$65,000.)

*Mrs. Christiansen is associate librarian of Rocky Mountain College.

AMONG FRIENDS

Beverly Bemis

Help
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Progress

The next two months include not only the special week devoted to highlighting the vital role of libraries in our lives, but also another very welcome event: the MSLA annual conference in Great Falls, May 6, 7, 8. The theme of the conference this year is Open the Door to Your Public Library, one which very aptly expresses our goal as Friends.

The opening day of the conference is to be devoted especially to library trustees and friends. Trustees, Friends, and Librarians will participate in a fine program concerned with our role in improving library service in Montana. Friends will be asked to serve on the hospitality committee and to take part in the program. If you have not already circled May 6, 7, 8 on your calendar, be sure to do so now. You will want to be sure that your community is represented at this first Trustees Conference by the Librarian, her Board, and many friends.

While your pencil is out, reserve Saturday, May 7, for the Friends and Trustees luncheon and the yearly business meeting. I am sure you will find the entire program truly inspiring and helpful, and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

NLW's theme this year is Open Wonderful New Worlds, Wake Up and Read. The emphasis is as always on the importance of reading for all our citizens. Let us make a special effort during April 3-9 to open wide the doors of the library to every member of the community.

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NEWS FROM PNBC

Kathleen Campbell

The new Executive Committee of the Pacific Northwest Bibliographic Center held its first meeting in Seattle, Washington, on November 21, 1959. Members attending were Esther Allen, Hood River County Library; Marion Bingham, Boise Public Library; Loeta Johns, Seattle Public Library; Kathleen Campbell, Montana State University Library; and Willard E. Ireland, Provincial Library and Archives. Also present were Elizabeth Findly, Chairman of the former Board of Managers; Lucille Duffy, University of Washington Library; Irving Lieberman, PNLA President; and Mollie Hollreigh, PNBC Director.

Miss Johns was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee for the current year.

A committee was elected consisting of Miss Johns, Miss Duffy, and Mr. Ireland, Chairman, to draw up by-laws for the PNBC Council.

National
Library Week
April 3 - 9

The need for special studies of problems facing the Center, as suggested in the Swank report on the PNBC, was discussed and it was suggested that the Executive Committee ask the assistance of the Council-at-large, the faculty of colleges and universities in the region, and the students in the School of Librarianship of the University of Washington, if such help is needed.

Miss Hollreigh was authorized to write libraries holding unwanted last copy collections releasing them from the obligation to keep the books, but suggesting that they clear first with their State libraries before discarding any material of historical or research value.

The question of financial support was brought up, and the Chairman was instructed to appoint a committee to look into the financial situation of the Center.

The need for a subject specialization program was explored, and it was recommended that this matter be referred to the PNLA College Division.

Frequency of meetings of the Executive Committee was discussed, and it was agreed that there should be two meetings a year of the full Committee, one at the annual PNLA Conference, and one on call of the Chairman, traveling expenses of the latter to be paid from PNBC funds. A quorum of the Committee was fixed at three.

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Constance Piccioni

An enthusiastic group of about seventy-five high school students attended the winter meeting of the Central Montana Student Librarians Association that was held at the Helena High School Library on February 8th. They represented Bozeman Senior, Willson Junior and Rosary High Schools of Bozeman, as well as the High Schools of Belgrade, Butte, Clyde Park, Helena, White Sulphur Springs and Wilsall.

The meeting was planned and conducted by the student officers. Mrs. Peg Gadow and Miss Eilene Morrison were speakers at the morning session. After a brief business meeting, the afternoon session was turned over to a discussion on "Problems of Today's Youth".

The discussion was ably led by Donna Wilson of Wilsall High School, who is one of four young people selected by Governor Aronson to represent the youth of Montana at the 1960 White House Conference in Washington, D. C.

Donna asked her youthful audience such questions as "Are we placing our moral standards high enough?", "How much does family living, as exemplified by doing things together, mean to us?" and "Are we making the most of our educational opportunities?"

It was gratifying to note that these young people were capable of presenting ideas that were, in the main, sound, well-expressed and intelligently discussed. I consider it both a privilege and a pleasure to have been invited to join the group for this meeting.

MONTANA STUDENT LIBRARIANS STATE-WIDE PUBLICITY CONTEST for National Library Week

April 3 - 9, 1960

Schools nation-wide will be participating in National Library Week next April. To encourage high school students to take part and make the program outstanding for Montana, we invite you to enter a publicity contest in which all student library assistants are welcome. The prize for the best entry will be an attractive collection of books for the high school library.

The rules are as follows:

1. Entries shall consist of a written outline accompanied by pictures and other descriptive material of a project used to publicize National Library Week, April 3 - 9, 1960.
2. The motto: "OPEN WONDERFUL NEW WORLDS: WAKE UP AND READ" shall be the theme for the project.
3. The project must have been planned and executed by library assistants or library club members-acting either individually or collectively.
4. Advisers shall be limited to faculty members of the school.
5. All entries must be approved by the school librarians or student library club faculty advisor.
6. One entry only from each school may be submitted at the 1960 meeting of all Montana Student Librarian Assistants. The meeting will be held April 29, 30 at Montana State College in Bozeman during High School Week.
7. There is no limitation on the type of publicity program (i.e.

window display, posters, book exhibits, skits, etc.)

8. Each entry must tell where the project was set up or presented, give an estimate of how many people viewed it or other indication of its influence, tell how many students participated in the project and in what manner.

9. Entries must be accompanied by a newspaper clipping announcing the publicity project in the local community.

10. Each entry will be judged on originality, effectiveness in arousing interest in books and artistic presentation.

11. This year the emphasis will be on the library program in the schools.

12. Entries should not exceed 24" x 20".

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School Library Courses

Summer 1960

(Editor's Note: We hope that all librarians who see this list will call these courses to the attention of the local school administrators. Pressure for the improvement of school libraries in Montana is growing, and the units of the University System are doing their best to meet the need for library training)

I. Montana State University

Educ. 340. Children's Literature. First 5 weeks, 3 cr. MTWThF at 11:00, Be 112. Second 5 weeks, 3 cr. MTWThF at 1:00, LA 105. A critical survey of children's literature. The elementary school library. Miss Brown.

Educ. 343. Organization and Administration of the School Library. First 5 weeks. 3 cr. MTWThF at 1:00, LA 105. Designed for part-time teacher librarians without library training. Objectives of school library service, library routines and procedures, library quarters, equipment and costs. Miss Brown.

Educ. 344. Cataloging and Classification. First 5 weeks, 3 cr. MTWThF at 9:50, To 101. Prerequisites: Education 343 or equivalent, consent of instructor. Principles of classification and cataloging for small libraries. Miss Brown.

Educ. 345. Bibliography and Book Selection. First 5 weeks, 3 cr. MTWThF at 7:30, LA 105. Prerequisites: Education 343, consent

of instructor. Principles and practices of book selection and order work for the small library. Study of book lists and bibliographies. Miss Brown.

Educ. 346. Library Reference Materials. Second 5 weeks, 3 cr. MTWThF at 7:30, LA 105. Prerequisites: Education 341 or 343. Basic reference books and bibliographies commonly found in small libraries with special attention to reference methods, citation, and bibliographic form. Miss Brown.

Educ. 347. Audio-Visual Aids. First 5 weeks, 3 cr. Sec. 1: MTWThF, 8:40-10:50, BE 111. Sec. 2: MTWTh, 2:10-4:20, BE 111. Emphasis on classroom utilization of projection --16mm., filmstrip, photographic, and handmade slides, overhead and opaque; tape recordings; and other instructional materials. Credit not allowed for this course and Music 363. Mr. Schutte.

Educ. 443. Library Workshop: The Instructional Materials Center. Two weeks, July 18-29, 3 cr. Daily sessions, 9:00-12:00 and 2:00-4:00. A special workshop to deal at an advanced level with the utilization of the library as an instructional materials center. Special attention to the library as a center for audio-visual aids. In addition to general session and committee work, students will be given the opportunity to work on problems of special interest to them within the workshop topic. Mr. Darling, director; Mr. Goldberg.

Educ. 494. Seminar: Organization and Administration of Audio-Visual Aids. Five weeks, June 13-July 15, 2 cr. MTTh, 3:20, BE 210. Prerequisites: Education 347 or equivalent, and teaching experience. General sessions three days each week plus individual work on selected topics. Mr. Schutte.

II. Montana State College

L.S. 301. Library in Teaching. First half. 3 cr. To present the use of library materials as subject enrichment of teaching and of the selection and use of materials in general reference and in specific areas. Miss Wegner.

L.S. 402. Cataloging and Classification. First half. 4 cr. lect.-lab. Designed to help prospective school librarians of an elementary or secondary school order, catalog, circulate and display books and periodicals. Miss Wegner.

English 403. Children's Literature. Second half. 3 cr. Prerequisite, L.S. 301 and third year standing, or consent of instructor. Reading, discussion and written and oral reports on a large number of children's books, in order to acquaint students with the field and help them develop criteria for judging what is acceptable. Required of Elementary Teaching majors; recommended for English, Home Economics and Physical Education Teaching Majors. Mrs. Hess.

III. Northern Montana College

Educ. 305. Elementary School Library - Methods and Materials. 2 cr., ten weeks. Organization, administration, and development of the elementary school library; instruction in simple methods of cataloging and classification; care and repair of books; stimulation of wider use of books for recreation and study; book selection, including evaluation of reference materials; service of school library to the community; and the utilization of library resources of the state. Lectures, outside reading, and term projects. Mr. Moores.

MSU, MSC and NMC summer terms run for ten weeks: June 14 - August 19. This is broken down into two halves:

June 14 - July 15 and July 15 - August 19.

IV. Eastern Montana College of Education

School Libraries - 2 hrs. credit, twice a week - 9 wks.

Organization and Administration of School Libraries - 3 hrs. credit - 6 weeks.

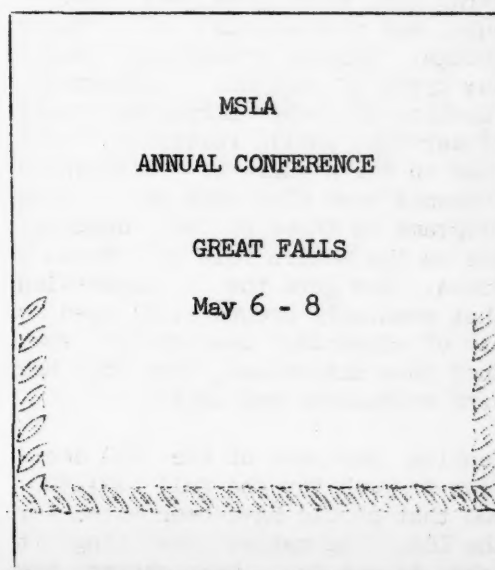
Classification and Cataloging of School Libraries Materials - 3 hrs. credit - 6 weeks.

Selection of Library Materials and Bibliography - 3 hrs. credit - 6 weeks.

Reference Materials for School Libraries - 3 hrs. credit - 6 weeks.
School Library Practice - 3 weeks - 1 - 4 hrs. credit.

V. Western Montana College of Education

1. Book Selection
2. Library Organization and Administration



CONFERENCE OF WESTERN
EXTENSION LIBRARIANS

Phoenix, Ariz., March 1959

The Proceedings of this first conference have come to hand, and although they are drastically summarized, they make interesting reading. The occasion obviously provided the needed opportunity for state extension librarians to pool experience and gain ideas and inspiration through both formal talks and informal discussion.

Mrs. Schenk was consultant and program leader, and in addition to Miss Luce from the Dept. of HEW, and Miss Ferguson, from ALA, 29 librarians attended from 14 western and southwestern states.

Two of the businessmen who spoke were all for libraries, of course, but apparently were more pre-occupied with taxes and government spending. The third undertook to instruct librarians in their duties. The chances are that all three learned a lot.

The remainder of the conference dealt with descriptions of demonstrations, techniques, and experience, and discussions of these things. Central processing, various types of regional libraries, function of state libraries, costs of service, public relations, all came in for a share of discussion. Comments were also made on such programs as those of the Jaycees, and on the modern role of Women's Clubs. One gets the impression that community groups still need a bit of educating; undoubtedly when they once understand, they will help with enthusiasm and skill.

Mention was made of the ALA decision to push for the full \$37,500, 000 that should have been voted for the ISA, no matter how long it takes to get it. Some states are

already planning to work for state aid to equalize library service within the state.

In summing up, Miss Ferguson listed the following important points:

1. Influence of economic factors.
2. Importance of careful planning.
3. Need for realistic budgets.
4. Importance of good relationship between librarian and community.
5. Need for knowledge of community
6. Virtues of patience and compromise.
7. Place of state aid.
8. Need to use all resources, especially human (Mention here of the care and feeding of state associations)

REPORT OF PNLA RE PRESENTATIVE

Alice M. Ridenour

The 1960 PNLA convention will be held at Sun Valley, Idaho from Sept. 21 thru Sept. 24th. Reserved meal functions will start with dinner on Wednesday and conclude with lunch on Saturday. American plan rates will be in effect and the price will depend upon the type of room requested. The prices will probably range from \$11.00 to \$21.00 per day. The next issue of the PNLA Quarterly will carry complete information about the accommodations and also some preliminary information concerning the program. I hope Montana will be well represented at Sun Valley this year. Begin to make your plans now to attend.

Report Of ALA Representative

A L A MIDWINTER, 1960

Ruth O. Longworth

A pre conference workshop on the Library Services Act and State Grants in Aid was called by John Lorenz, Director of the Library Services Branch, for all state agencies for Wednesday, January 27. We spent a full day with John and other members of his staff, hearing progress reports from states where such grants exist. It is gratifying to know that progress is being made in this area, thus fulfilling the purpose of the Library Services Act, which is designed to stimulate local and state support. Certainly Montanans must plan ahead for some such program.

Germaine Krettek's report was thrilling to hear. Without solicitation from the A.L.A. Washington office, Senators and Representatives were busy on the first day of Congress presenting a variety of bills asking for the continuation of L.S.A. Germaine says "Now is the time to write your Congressmen about the success of the L.S.A. program in your state to date, the importance of obtaining all of the funds authorized this fifth year and the need for the extension of the Act to reach the goals you have established. Every Representative will need a great deal of mail if this legislation is to be successful in 1960."

Several of the states now have set up a Library Advisory Council, a committee to work in accord with

the state agency to assist in favorable legislation and to help throughout the state to interpret the state library's services. Some of the state library associations have engaged a legislation advocate to lobby for library legislation. This has proven to be most effective in several states.

A. L. A. Council did not meet until Saturday, January 30. The time in between was very busy indeed with conferences with Helen Luce, Gretchen Schenk, Mary Helen Mahar, Eleanor Ahlers and Eleanor Ferguson. I hope this last Eleanor will be able to meet with us at M.S.L.A. in May.

Dick Darling was at the Conference. He is doing a splendid job as Director of School Libraries in Livonia, Michigan - is looking forward to his workshops in Montana this summer, available to us under his Dutton-Macrae Award. He sends warm greetings to his many good friends in Montana.

I represented Montana at the meeting to discuss the new Headquarters building for A. L. A. We had an opportunity to see pictures of the decrepit old landmark which is now occupied by the staff and the proposed beautiful new building. Hannis Smith, State librarian of Minnesota, suggested that it be built by membership pledges and said that if every member would double his dues for a four year period, this would cover the costs. The idea was endorsed by those present.

The National Library Week meeting was very good. Plans are brisk in every state for an all-out observance.

I had a most profitable visit with Miriam McNally, Director of the Public Relations Planner. As a result, we are to have Miriam in

Montana sometime during the first two weeks in June for a meeting with the coordinators. The two day institute will be called "A Pilot Workshop on Library Interpretation."

Most exciting was the meeting with Russell Thatcher, Awards Director for the Dorothy Canfield Fisher Award, where plans were made for the presentation of the prizes. Mable Engelter's Whitefish Library is one of the proud winners and April 3rd, the first day of National Library Week, is the day for the presentation. Dorothy Johnson will present the check for \$1,000.00 for books from the Book of the Month club, Alma Jacobs, Tom Jermin and librarians and trustees will all be there. Kathleen Campbell and I will accompany Dorothy Johnson from Missoula.

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REVIEWS

"Hold Back the Hunter"

"Hold back the hunters" was the plea of those men who made the first official expedition into the Yellowstone in 1870. It is the fear that the first of America's National Parks will one day no longer be a retreat of primitive beauty or a sanctuary for wild animals. Dale White in her novel for young readers has created a symbol of the struggle to keep the original idea of the National Park in the young half Indian boy, Gabe. He accompanies the Washburn-Langford-Doane Expedition of 1870 in its journey into the Yellowstone country as they try to establish the truth of the tall tales of the Indians and trappers.

The actual story of that expedition is told here and Dale White conveys the excitement of discovery each time Gabe and the Party find the facts behind Jim Bridger's tall tales; the river that was hot on the bottom, cold on the top, the hissing, roaring dragon's mouth and, at the last, the most spectacular wonder of all in the water which "spouted higher'n a flagpole". The problems facing these men make up the background of a long pack trip into the wilderness and the battles with rough country weather.

The final chapters of the book do not seem to quite belong; although the story of the Hayden Expedition which came next, and which Gabe accompanies, and the triumphant announcement of a national park are

part of the theme of Hold Back the Hunter, these seem to be separate events in themselves. In the person of Gabe, Mrs. Place uses the well-tried figure of an immature boy who passes from an Indian and small boy fear of the unknown to the place in which he can look into the hissing caves with the eyes of courage and intelligence. He may not seem very real at times, but the events of which he is part would over shadow almost any character.

This novel is part of a projected series of novels for young readers, set in the regions of America's National Parks. If they are all as good as this one, they would be good reading for any family planning a trip among America's natural wonders.

Mary Clough Schmiedeskamp
Billings, Montana

White, Dale. Hold Back the Hunter.
189 p. John Day Co. 1959, \$3.50

"Cowboy-artist, Charles M. Russell"

Mr. Russell was born in St. Louis but came to Montana in 1880, when he was only fifteen. The story of his life is not only that of an adventurous self-taught artist, but also is an account of Montana history during its most exciting period. Much of the warmth of Charlie's personality shines through in this creditable junior biography. Traveling from ranch to ranch, stopping wherever there was a warm bed and a job, Charlie associated with men who, like himself, were uneducated except in the ways of the range. Even after he became a famous artist and was receiving hundreds, and even thousands, of dollars for his paintings, his happiest days were spent in his own private studio

spinning yarns and cooking grub for friends from the surrounding ranches.

Charles Russell was no business man. His wife, the former Nancy Cooper of Great Falls, handled all money matters. During the period that people were not yet clamoring for paintings by the cowboy-artist, Nancy personally peddled the pictures wherever anyone would look at them.

Both the appearance and the disappearance of the cattle rancher in Montana were observed and recorded by Russell. Thus, any biography of him proves of great value and interest to students of Montana history. When he died in 1926, Charlie also took with him memories of Indian life which any western historian would cherish.

The book suffers from a lack of pictures, but the enthralling tales will nevertheless hold the attention of any "cowboy-story" fan. Follow it by a more complete Russell biography, the Will James stories, or a good Montana history.

The cloth binding and readable print are typical of Messner biographies. Suitable for junior high or slow readers in senior high school.

Dorothy Wegner

Garst, Doris Shannon. Cowboy-artist, Charles M. Russell. New York, Julian Messner, c.1960, 192p. \$2.95

47TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
MONTANA STATE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

Registration	May 5	7:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.	
	May 6	8:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.	2:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M.
	May 7	8:00 A. M. to 11:00 A. M.	

May 6 - Friday 9:00 A. M. First general session - Rainbow Hotel

Presiding: Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, President

Panel discussion "The Free Public Library Story on the National,
State & Local Level"

Moderator: Mrs. R. D. Warden, Trustee, Great Falls Public Library
National scene: Miss Eleanor Ferguson, Exec. Sec., Public Library
Division, ALA

State Library: Mrs. Peg Gadbrow, Consultant, MSLEC
City, County & Regional Libraries in Montana: Mrs. Robert Herrig,
Coordinator, Northwest Federation of Libraries, Libby

"The Role of the Library Trustee" - Mrs. Hugh McNamer, Trustee, Conrad
Public Library

Luncheon - Rainbow Hotel - Mrs. Leo C. Graybill, presiding, Great Falls
Trustee

Second general session - Rainbow Hotel

Role Play

1. "A Library Board Meeting"
2. The Library Board Seeks County Support"

"Planning a Library Budget to Achieve Minimum
Standards"

"Achieving Standards Through Cooperation"

Questions and Answers: Mrs. Ruth Longworth, MSLEC

Summary: Mrs. R. D. Warden and Miss Eleanor Ferguson

Banquet - Rainbow Hotel - Miss Kathleen Campbell, presiding, Librarian,
Montana State University Library

Speaker: Mr. William Ready, Director of Libraries, Marquette
University Library "Books, the Reader and the Writer"

May 7 - Saturday 8:30 A. M. Third general session - Rainbow Hotel

Business meeting

Miss Lucille Hatch, Denver School of Librarianship, Speaker
"The New ALA School Library Standards"

Panel discussion

Mrs. Letitia Johnson, Chairman, School Libraries Div., MSIA, Ronan
Linus Carleton, Dean of Education, Montana State University, Missoula
Mrs. Inez Herrig, Librarian, Lincoln County Free Library, Libby

Summary

Luncheon - Rainbow Hotel

Friends of Libraries and Public Librarians

Mrs. Robert Bemis, presiding - Business meeting

School Librarians

Mrs. Letitia Johnson, Chairman, School Libraries Div., MSLA, presiding

Fourth general session - Rainbow Hotel

Panel discussion - Library Buildings

Frances Wells, Chairman-elect, School Libraries Div., MSLA

Book Selection

Mr. William Ready

Miss Lucille Hatch

Banquet - Rainbow Hotel - Mrs. Helen Prichard, Librarian, Stillwater County Library, Columbus, presiding

Speaker: Mr. Robert Fletcher, Writer, "Free Grass to Fences"

May 8 - Sunday 9:00 A. M. - Fifth general session - Rainbow Hotel

Breakfast

Business meeting, Mrs. Alma S. Jacobs, presiding

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The Montana State Library Association and the librarians of Great Falls cordially invite you to attend the 47th Annual Conference of the Association at Great Falls, Montana, May 6, 7, 8, 1960.

The preliminary program is in this issue of the Quarterly.

All meetings and functions will be held in the Rainbow Hotel.

Registration at the Rainbow Hotel as follows:

Thursday	May 5, 1960	7-9 p.m.
Friday	May 6, 1960	8-11 a.m. 2-4 p.m.
Saturday	May 7, 1960	8-11 a.m.

Facilities will be provided to receive your M. S. L. A. dues at the registration desk, when it is open.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday Banquet	7:00 p.m.	\$4.00	
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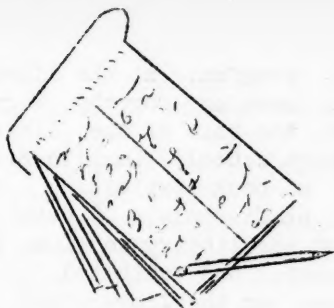
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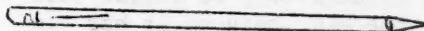
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NEWS AND NOTES



The issue of the Library Quarterly for January 1960 is devoted to the subject of elementary and secondary education and school libraries. It is the proceedings of the 24th Annual Conference of the Graduate Library School of the University of Chicago. School Librarians in Montana will doubtless wish to read it with care, and to call the attention of their administrators to it. It is published by the University of Chicago Press, 5750 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 37, and costs \$2.50.

John Cotton Dana Awards

Recognition of the best publicity of the year will again be made through the medium of the John Cotton Dana Awards. The contest is sponsored by the Wilson Library Bulletin and the Public Relations Section of the ALA Library Administration Division. Formal entries are due April 1st, but scrapbooks need not be delivered until April 15th. There are separate awards for size and type of library. Write to Wilson Library Bulletin, 950 University Ave., New York 52; or to the ALA, 50 East Huron St., Chicago 11.

Book Selection Helps for School Libraries

New editions of Basic Book Collection for Elementary Grades and of Basic Book Collection for Junior High Schools are now available from the ALA at \$2.00 each. These are intended to help small and medium-sized schools that may not have trained librarians, and they have been prepared with the assistance of school librarians and of consultants from several national educational organizations.

Scholarships

The H. W. Wilson Company has again made available a series of scholarships for library training. Each is of the value of \$500 and one will be given to each of the accredited library schools of the country over a period of four years. In our region, the University of Washington will be a recipient in January 1961.

Censorship

Some anonymous person sent your editor a copy of The Nation for November 21, 1959, containing Donald Strout's review article on Marjorie Fiske's book entitled Book Selection and Censorship; a Study

of School and Public Libraries in California, Univ. of California Press, 1959, \$3.75. We had not thought it necessary to review this book in the MLQ because it has had quite wide attention elsewhere. We do think it deals with a matter of great importance to librarians and communities and for that reason we hope our Montana librarians will find time to read it.

CHICAGO GRADUATE LIBRARY SCHOOL

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 25th annual summer conference will be held August 15-17 to consider the topic "Persistent Issues in American Librarianship". Among the subjects to be considered are Recent Social and Cultural Trends; Trends and Findings in Modern Scientific Research; Developments in Extension and Cooperation; The Changing College; Professional Education and the Utilization of Personnel; Adult Education Needs. For information write Dean Lester Asheim, Graduate Library School, University of Chicago, Chicago 37.

MONTANA SCHOOL LIBRARY COMMITTEE

A meeting was held in Helena January 9. Reports on activities brought forth the following: MEA meeting at Billings: announcement by Mary Harstad at general session of the pilot program; talks at library sectional meeting by Mr. Sando and Miss Morrison; book exhibit by Bill Pate. MEA meeting at Great Falls: Frances Wells spoke at the library section meeting and gave help in forming student librarians group; at the breakfast Katherine Anderson showed posters and reported on the School Library Committee's work. MEA meeting at Glasgow: Erick Erickson reported on

the pilot program; at the library sectional meeting Dorothy Wegner presented the role of the library in the high school; Lucille Brown arranged a book exhibit. MEA meeting at Missoula: overflow meeting of the library section; Peg Gadbow spoke and exhibited books and posters at the library and the rural teachers sectional meetings; announcement of pilot program was made at general session.

Mrs. Longworth appointed an MEA contact committee consisting of Frances Wells, chairman, Lucille Brown and Letitia Johnson, to assist library sectional chairmen to find speakers, to coordinate activities and to be a clearing house for program suggestions.

Letitia Johnson was appointed secretary of the School Library Committee. The next meeting will be held April 9.

Linus Carleton reported for the handbook subcommittee, which had met in Helena on December 30 and on January 8. At the December 30 meeting Miss Miller asked that a final draft be prepared for printing. She thought the handbook should be primarily for librarians without experience, but it should also be helpful to all librarians. It is her hope that it will produce more uniformity in library practice. She would like to have it ready for distribution at the opening of the school year in September 1960.

The subcommittee recommended:

1. That some items should be eliminated, e.g. standards, which are available elsewhere.
2. That careful editing eliminate, as far as feasible, too technical terms.
3. That final editing be done by the librarian members of the subcommittee, after trying out some of

the explanations on the layman members of the subcommittee.

4. That it should be attractive and easy to handle, and printed if possible.

5. That the bibliographies should be clearly indicated as suggestions only, and that other books may be equally appropriate.

In summary, Mr. Carleton suggested that the functions of the subcommittee are (1) to screen for content, and (2) to edit for simplicity, conciseness and consistency. Inez Herrig pointed out that the standards describe what we want, and the manual should tell how to attain this. The subcommittee is to complete preparation of the manual for final printing in early summer.

Mrs. Longworth spoke of the forthcoming workshop in Lewistown and circulated materials to be used there. Mrs. Moore asked that this information be sent to county superintendents and Mr. Sando asked that selection and weeding information be sent to all schools. Mrs. Longworth said it was hoped workshops could eventually be held in each county. She asked Mr. Sando and Mr. Olson to call the attention of all schools to the new Basic Booklists to be released by ALA early in 1960.

Mrs. Johnson announced that Montana had been selected as a pilot state for implementation of the new ALA school library standards, and that this would be discussed at the MSLA meeting in Great Falls in May.

Various plans to publicize the MSLA among the schoolmen were discussed.

NOTABLE BOOKS OF 1959

The list of notable books of 1959 has been released for publication.

As it will be reprinted in virtually all other library periodicals, we are not carrying it here. Among members of the Notable Books Council which made the choice is Erana Stadler, who was formerly on the staff of the Great Falls Public Library. Copies of the list are available from the ALA Publishing Dept., 50 East Huron St., Chicago 11 at the following bulk prices, prepaid, and with space for your own imprint, which you will have to add yourself: 50 copies - \$3.50, 100 copies - \$5.00, 250 copies - \$10.00, 500 copies - \$16.00, 1000 copies - \$28.00, 2500 copies - \$60.00, 5000 copies - \$100.00.

BOOK MEMORIALS

The idea of giving books to public libraries as memorials appears to be growing. This is excellent, but of course the librarian should always be consulted in advance, so that the books chosen will be sure to be appreciated and used.

READING CONTESTS

The Hill County Home demonstration clubs have completed their book reading contest for the third year, and have begun a new one which will be completed in the fall of 1960. Non-fiction appears to have been very popular this time, and all clubs made a big total reading gain over last year. The Cottonwood Club (Mrs. William Pruys, reading chairman) was first, and the Kremlin Club (Mrs. Emma Twedt, reading chairman) was second.

TRUSTEES' WORKSHOP

Careful planning has been taking place to make this an outstanding

workshop. It will be held in conjunction with the MSLA meeting in Great Falls in May, and thus the trustees will have an opportunity to see our Association in action. All public librarians will want to encourage as many of their trustees as possible to attend. There is much to be learned and greater understanding will bring better cooperation, leading inevitably to improved library service and a much better informed public.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends groups are proliferating all over the State and this is a most hopeful sign. From Butte we have news of the Friends' plan to make observance of National Library Week the highlight of their 1960 activities. Conrad held a Friends' dinner in February at which A. B. Guthrie spoke. Your editor would be pleased to hear of the activities of other local Friends' groups so that we can mention them in these columns. Novel and interesting plans or occasions can stimulate others.

STANFORD'S NEW LIBRARY

Stanford and Judith Basin County Public Library is to have a new building soon. It is the gift of N. B. Matthews, president of the Basin State Bank of Stanford, and is a memorial to his wife, Loretta Matthews. The building will be located just north of the courthouse and it will be of brick on a 34 x 40 ft. concrete slab. It will have a separate children's room. We all rejoice with Mrs. Wineman over this fine gift to Stanford and Judith Basin County.

INTERESTING ADULT BOOKS OF 1959 FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

The Young Adult Services Division of the ALA has just announced the list of adult books of 1959 that are of interest to young people. The 23 titles were chosen from 53 nominations made by members of the Book Selection Committee and by a nationwide ballot of 36 public librarians and school librarians who work with young people of high school age. These are books which teen agers are actually reading and requesting in their libraries. The list is as follows:

Act One, An Autobiography, by Moss Hart. Random

Adventure on Wheels: the Autobiography of a Road Racing Champion, by John Cooper Fitch, with William Noland. Putnam

Alas, Babylon, by Pat Frank. Lippincott

Celia Garth, by Gwen Bristow. Crowell

Collision Course: the Andrea Doria and the Stockholm, by Alvin Moscow. Putnam

D Day: the 6th of June, 1944, by David Howarth. McGraw-Hill

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage, by Alfred Lansing. McGraw

Flowers of Hiroshima, by Edita Morris. Viking

It's Good to be Alive, by Roy Campanella. Little

The King's Fool, by Margaret Campbell Barnes. Macrae

The Last Nine Days of the Bismarck, by Cecil Scott Forester. Little

The Marauders, by Charlton Ogburn, Jr. Harper

More Than Meets the Eye, by Carl Mydans. Harper

My Heart Has Seventeen Rooms, by Carol Bartholomew. Macmillan

My Russian Journey, by Santha Rama Rau. Harper

Nautilus 90 North, by William Anderson and Clay Blair, Jr. World

Nine Coaches Waiting, by Mary Stewart. Morrow

Nine Tomorrows: Tales of the Near Future, by Isaac Asimov. Doubleday

The Return of Hyman Kaplan, by Leo Rosten. Harper

Rider on a White Horse, by Rosemary Sutcliff. Coward-McCann

A Shirttail to Hang To: the Story of Cal Farley and His Boys Ranch, by Beth Day. Holt

The Strong Men, by John Brick. Doubleday

Too Many Ghosts, by Paul Gallico. Doubleday

HELP FOR US!

ALA's Technical Information Service For Librarians Now Available

The Library Technology Project of the American Library Association is now furnishing information to librarians on materials, machines, equipment and systems useful in library operations.

The project's staff has gathered a comprehensive collection of equipment and supply catalogs and a library of technical literature.

It has made contacts with suppliers, manufacturers, testing laboratories and research and development organizations. From these sources, the Library Technology Project is now prepared to assist librarians in answering questions they may have as to what supplies, equipment or systems will best suit their particular needs. LTP will also furnish information on what to buy and where to buy it.

Librarians should send their inquiries to the Library Technology Project at the American Library Association headquarters, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois.

The Library Technology Project was established on May 1, 1959, by the Council on Library Resources, Inc., to collect and disseminate standards information, develop new or improved equipment and supplies, and provide a technical information service for libraries. Frazer G. Poole is director of the project.

PROPOSED FERGUS COUNTY LIBRARY

A news item in the Lewistown Daily News states that petitions for a County Library in Fergus County will be circulated immediately in the Moore community. The reception of the idea was good and the library board and town council thought that the plan and its financing were just and reasonable.

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Naomi Lane Babson - novelist, author of prize-winning THE YANKEE BODLEYS. Also I AM LIDIAN, about a pioneer woman in the Madison Valley; THE YOUNG FAIR MAIDENS, and others. Short stories have been published in such magazines as THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL, WOMAN'S HOME COMPANION, AND SATURDAY EVENING POST.

Dale White - Juvenile and non-fiction writer. Many articles in popular magazines. Thirteen books, including winner of the 1958 Western Writers of America Silver Spur award for best juvenile western: STEAMBOAT UP THE MISSOURI. Others are VIGILANTES, RIDE! and TALL TIMBER PILOTS.

Nelson Bentley - Poet and editor, POETRY NORTHWEST. Director, the poetry workshop, University of Washington. His poetry has been published in POETRY, NEW WORLD WRITING, THE PRAIRIE SCHOONER, AND MANY OTHER MAGAZINES.

Dan Cushman - Historical novelist and humorist. STAY AWAY, JOE was Book of the Month selection, April, 1953. Other historicals about Montana include THAT OLD COPPER COLLAR AND THE SILVER MOUNTAIN.

Leslie A. Fiedler - Critic, poet, short story writer. Critical essays appear as END TO INNOCENCE. He has the title story in the anthology, NUDE CROQUET and is

currently working on a major piece of criticism on the American Novel.

Lectures, panels, discussions, manuscript reading. Special workshops in the staff's particular areas. Emphasis will be on regional writing.

Moderate fees, room and board available to a limited number of registrants on the campus. For complete details write to: John A. Barsness, Director, English Department, Montana State University, Missoula, Montana.

NEWBERY-CALDECOTT WINNERS

Joseph Drumgold and Marie Hall Ets are the 1960 winners of the Newbery and Caldecott medals for the most distinguished children's books of 1959. The John Newbery Medal goes to Joseph Krumbold for his book Onion John, published by Crowell. The Randolph Caldecott Medal is awarded to Marie Hall Ets for Nine Days to Christmas, published by Viking. This is the second time Krumbold has won the Newbery Medal, the first time being in 1954 for And Now Miguel. Runners up for Newbery were Jean George for My Side of the Mountain, Gerald Johnson for America is Born, and Carol Kendall for The Gamage Cup. Runners up for Caldecott were Adrienne Adams for Houses from the Sea, by Alice E. Goudey, and Maurice Sendak for Moon Jumpers, by Janice May Udry.

NOTABLE CHILDREN'S BOOKS OF 1959

The annual selection of Notable Children's Books has been announced. It numbers 38 titles, which is more than usual, and is very broad in its coverage.

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR SCHOOLS

The Council on Library Resources has made a grant of \$24,000 to Brown University, Providence, R.I. for a study of ways to improve school library services in Rhode Island through coordination of university, community, and school libraries. The project will include investigation of library services in the state, study of accepted library practices, and experimentation with methods of coordinating the various institutions mentioned above.

The project is a result of a School Library Conference held last year

at Brown, which drew attention to the serious inadequacy of school libraries, e.g. financial support below national average (74¢ per student as against \$1.05), 282 schools without school libraries, no state general advisory service for school libraries, shifting of responsibility to larger public libraries, and lack of coordination between schools and libraries.

Montanans will be interested in the outcome of this project, since some of the deficiencies noted for Rhode Island apply equally to us.

ROYALTIES ON LIBRARY LOANS?

Sir Alan Herbert has made what appears to be a serious suggestion that authors of books loaned by public libraries should receive a small royalty on each loan. The Manchester Guardian has commented on it and a number of letters have appeared in its columns. From the standpoint of librarians the idea is, of course, fantastic; the amount of bookkeeping required would be monumental, and who would pay for it? Sir Alan has made his name largely in the field of humor, so let us all hope this is merely another venture into this field.
